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MONITORING CELL FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT POLICY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up any Monitoring Cell for the effective implementation of Women Empowerment Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the subjects selected for providing social justice to women;

(d) whether the suggestions for enacting stringent laws for the provision of prostitution and violence against women have been included in this policy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a)&(b) The implementation of the National Policy for the Empowerment of Women is monitored by the Department of Women and Child Development.

(c) The Policy stresses mainstreaming of Gender perspectives in the development process through establishment of policies, programmes and systems and women's equality in power sharing and active participation in decision making, including decision making in political process at all levels. It also encourages changes in personal laws such as those related to marriage, divorce, maintenance, guardianship and in the matter of right to property so as to eliminate discrimination in all areas against women.

(d)&(e) The National Policy for the Empowerment of Women provides that the existing legislative structure will be reviewed and if need be additional legislative measures taken by the concerned Departments for implementing the Policy. The elimination of incidences of all forms of violence against women is an integral part of the Policy and it provides for special emphasis on programmes and measures to deal with trafficking in women and girls.